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PHILLIPS
GÓMEZ
CURIEL

Rogues & Gambit





Three months ago.

"Power is a construct."



"I used to believe it could be created..."

"...serums constructed in a lab to give regular humans extraordinary abilities."



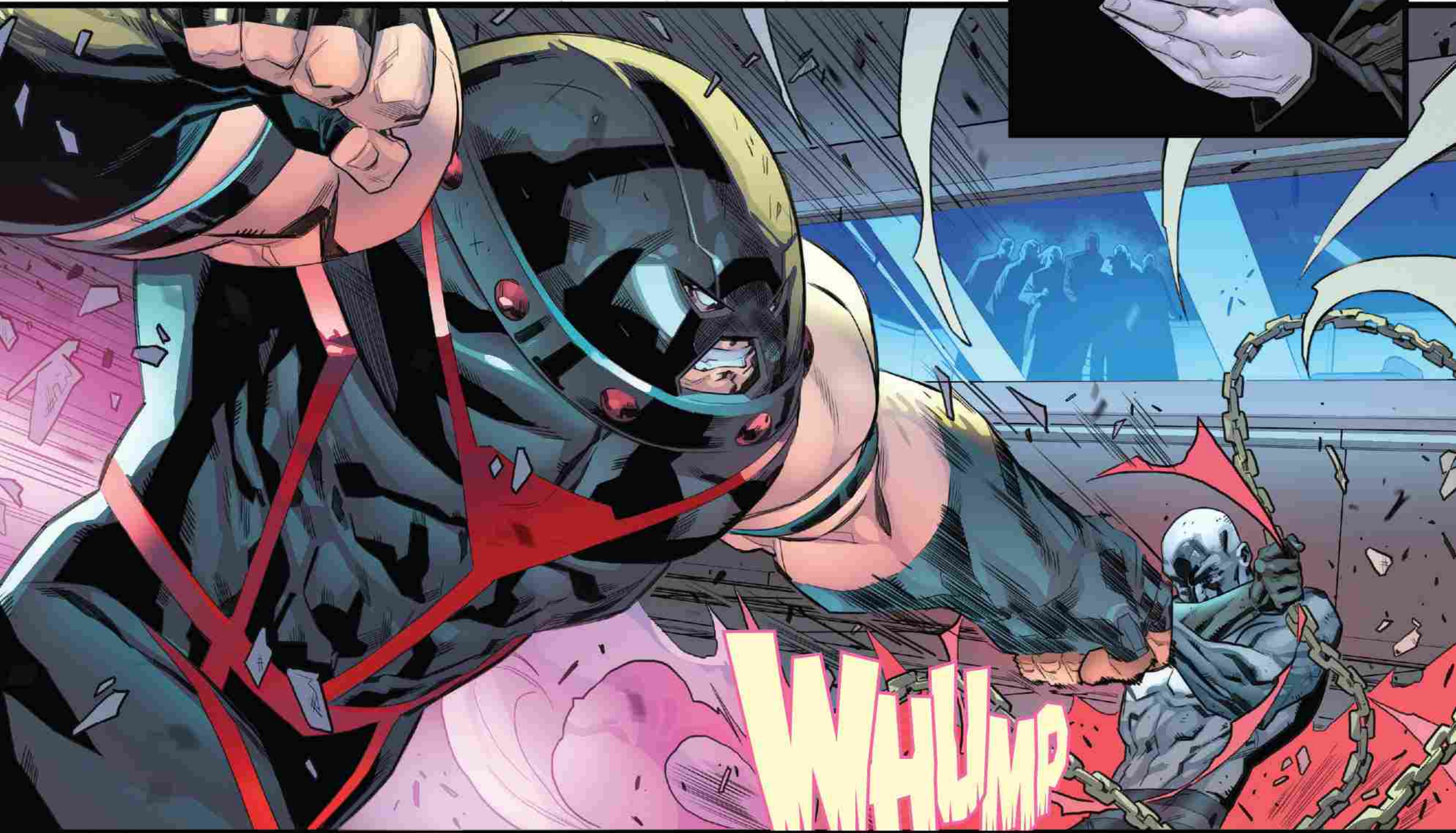
And while we may have succeeded in testing the limits of the human body...



...Power
Broker, Inc.,
failed to consider
that *true*
power...

...already
exists.







...Ungh...



WHAK



He...
stopped
fighting...stopped
defending
himself...



He will
do whatever
I tell him
to...



...a
power that
can easily be
yours.

WHUMP



Do you take
requests?

ROGUE & GAMBIT

04

SIR, WE ONLY
PLAY THE HITS

Rogue’s on a mission to bring the mutant Manifold to Krakoa. Hubby Gambit decided to tag along.

But Manifold had his own plans, so Rogue and Gambit agreed to help him track down several superhumans who had been kidnapped and put up for sale by a mysterious figure.

They managed to interrupt the sale of Lady Deathstrike, but before they could uncover the villain behind the plot, their powers were drained via a strange device. Manifold teleported Rogue and Gambit away but was captured and implanted with a mind-control chip himself.

Gambit helped Rogue find where Manifold was taken but let her tackle the mission alone (in light of their recent marital and mission-based squabbles). But the rescue was a trap. Faced with a cadre of mind-controlled super villains, Rogue removed the control chip from Vanisher-- which resulted in his death!



[ANNA MARIE LeBEAU,
A.K.A. ROGUE]



[REMY LeBEAU,
A.K.A. GAMBIT]



[EDEN FESI,
A.K.A. MANIFOLD]



[CARL “CRUSHER” CREEL,
A.K.A. THE ABSORBING MAN]



[YURIKO OYAMA,
A.K.A. LADY DEATHSTRIKE]



[MAXWELL DILLON,
A.K.A. ELECTRO]



[CAIN MARKO,
A.K.A. JUGGERNAUT]



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A diagram showing an L-shaped region. The vertical leg has a height of 10, and the horizontal leg has a width of 10. The total width of the shape is 10, and the total height is 10.



Now.

I...didn't know...

...I didn't know it would kill him...

Live and learn, right...?

Now maybe you'll think *twice* before using your *brutish* strength to remove pieces of technology that are *far* beyond your comprehension--





I hope they kept their receipt.



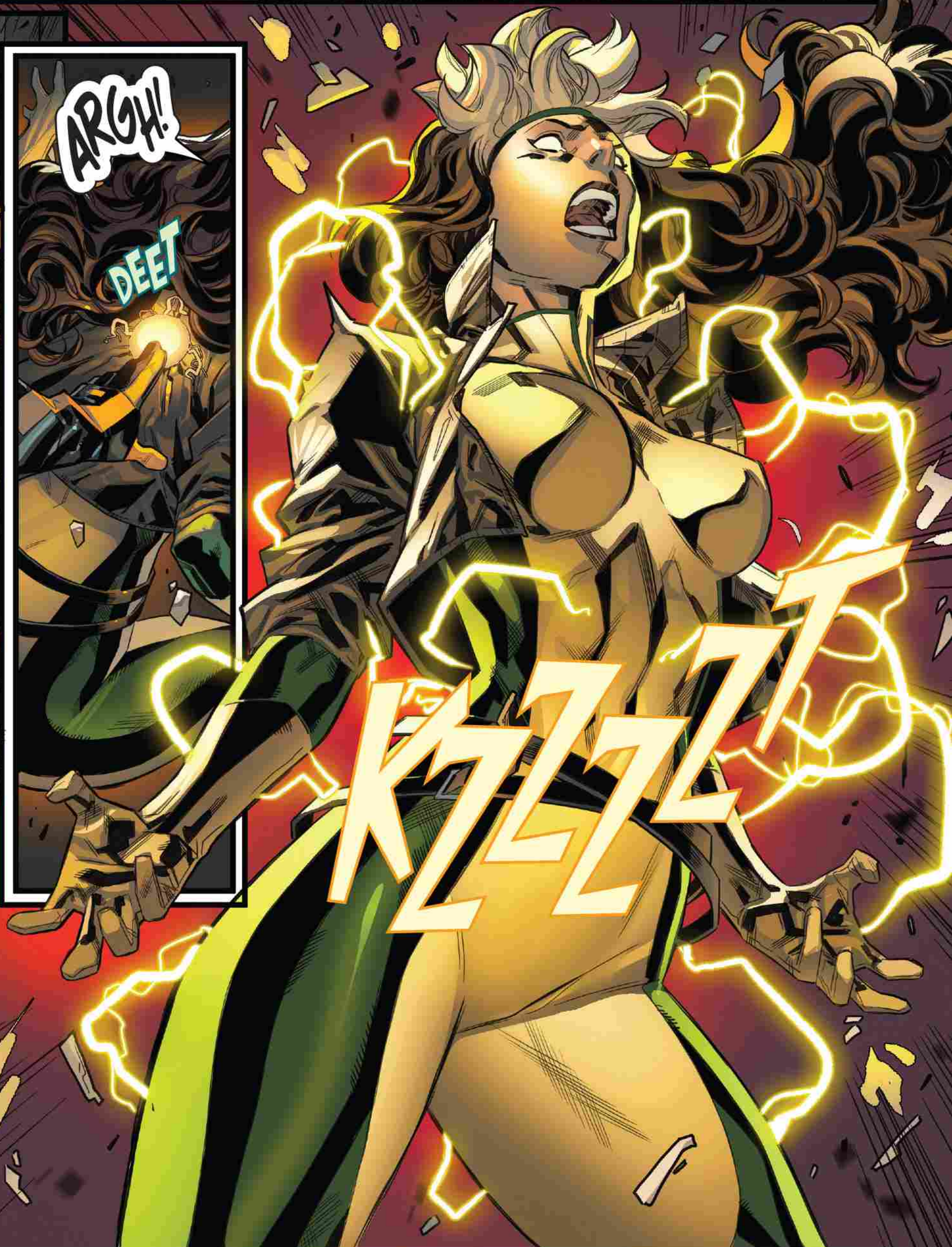
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Manifold...?



ARGH!

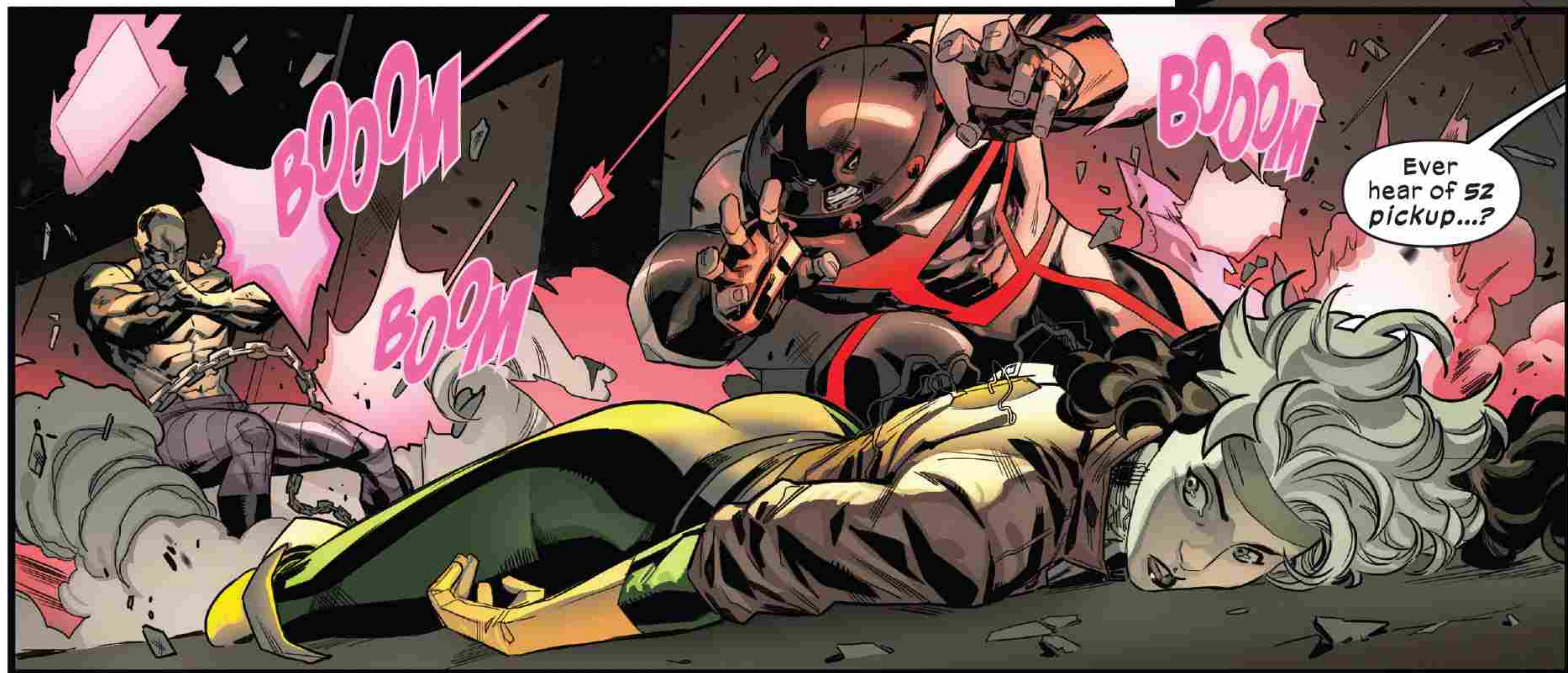
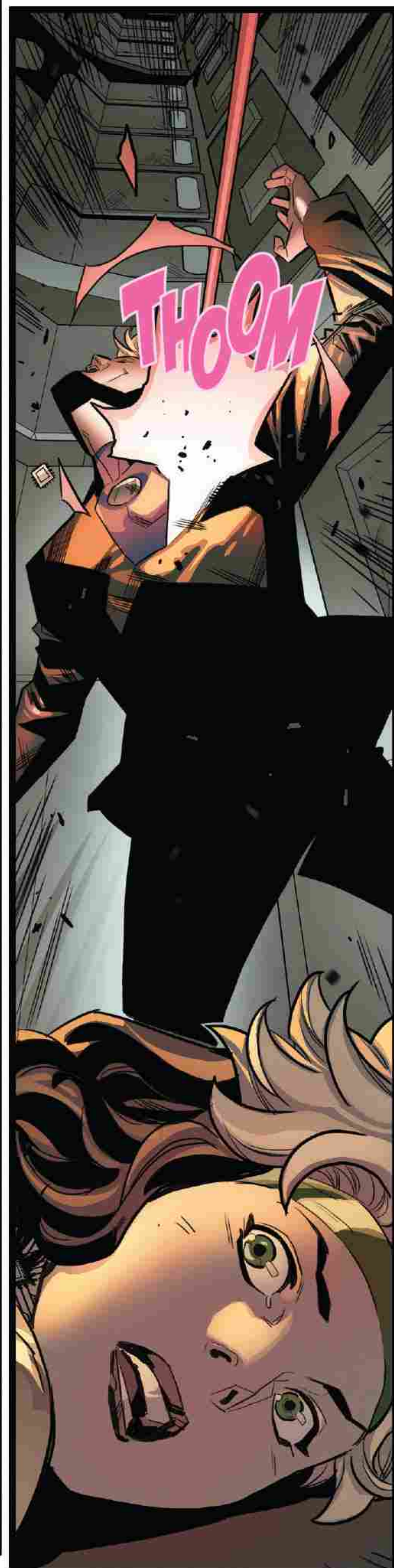
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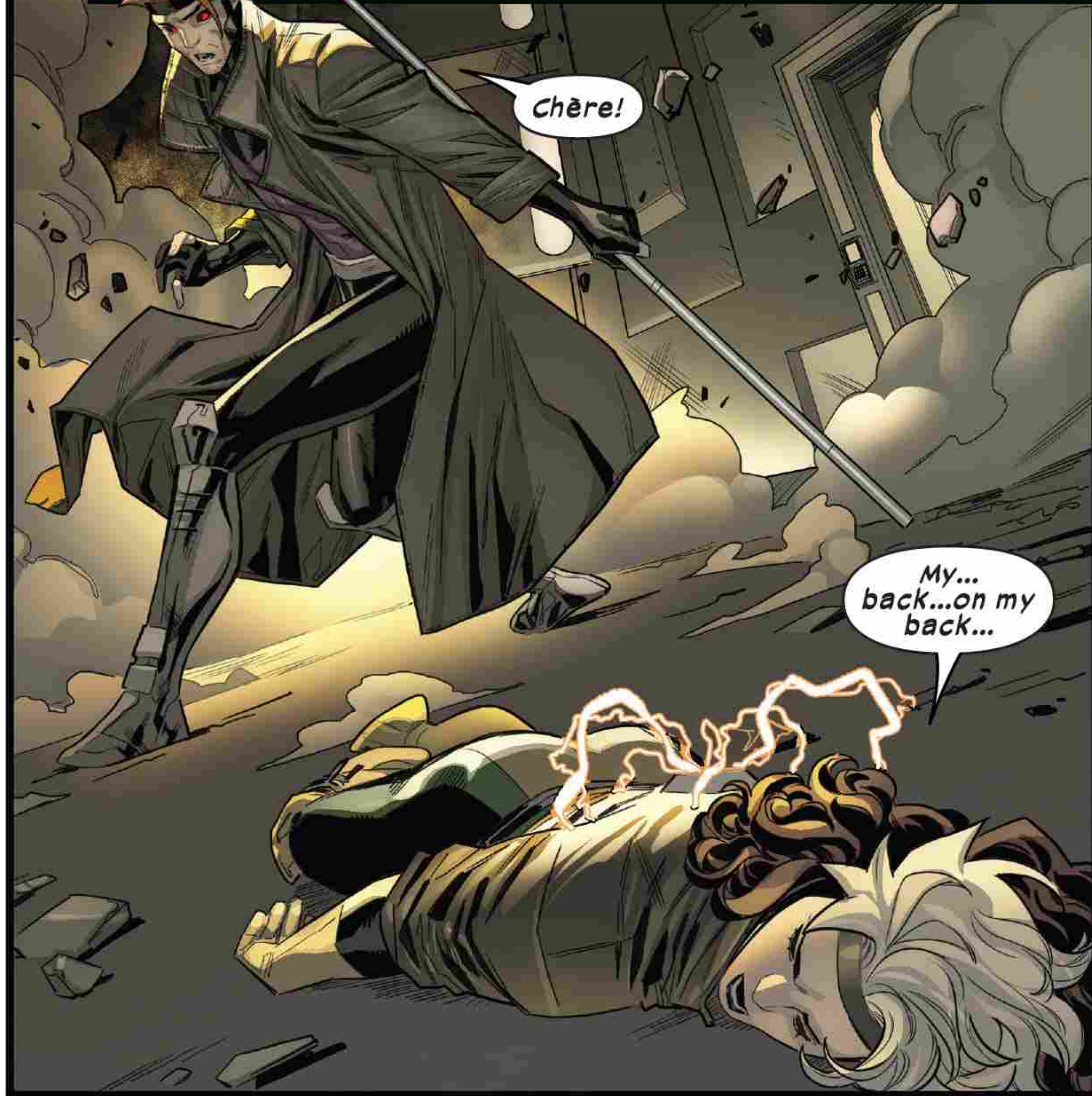
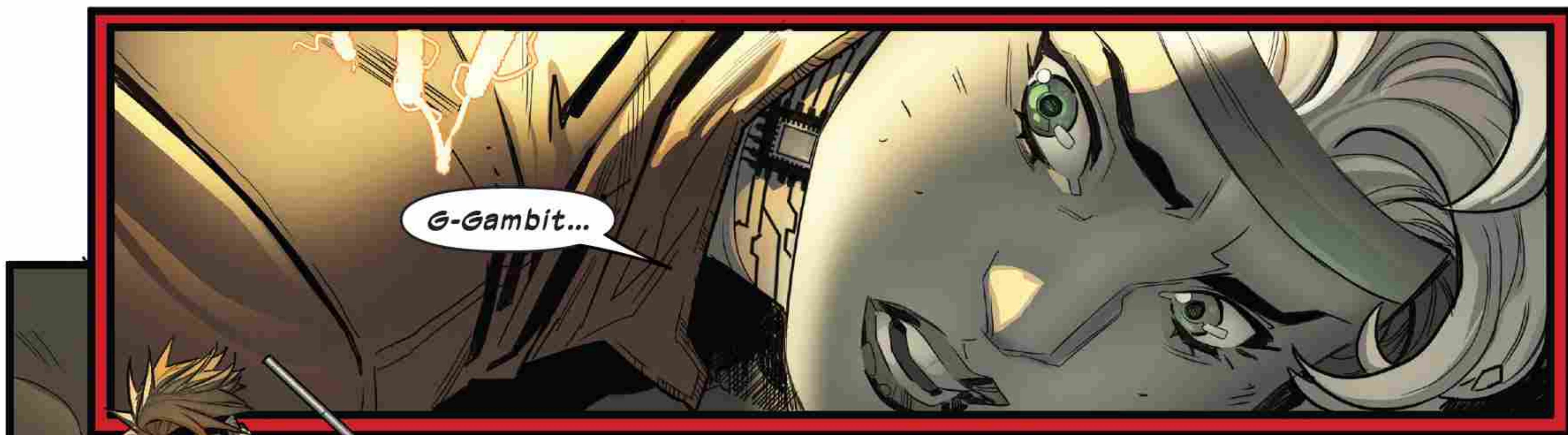
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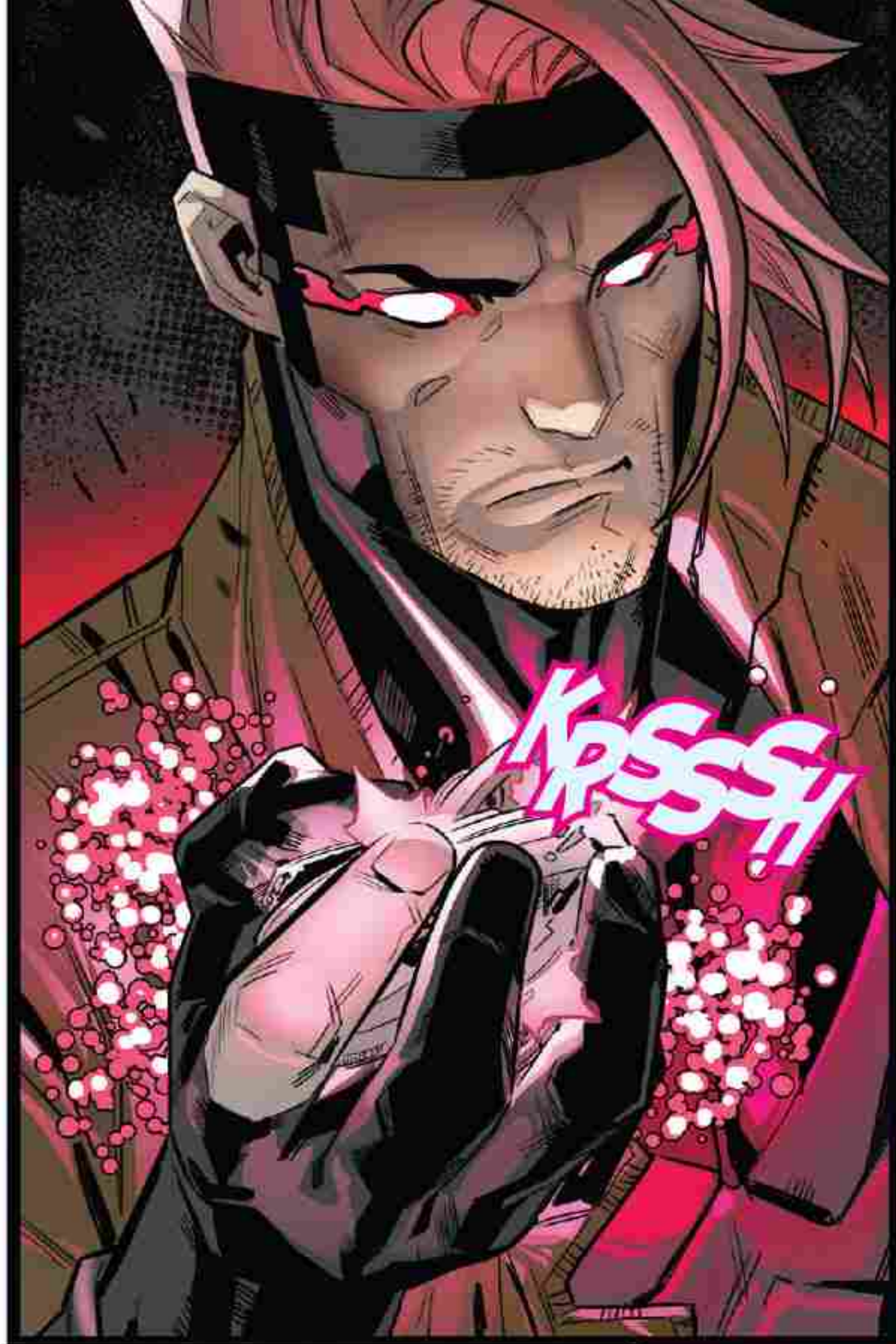




The
rules are *très*,
très simple,
monsieur.

I throw
the cards...







...but I think you'll find *this* game particularly interesting, Gambit.

I call it 32-teeth pickup.

The rules are simple...

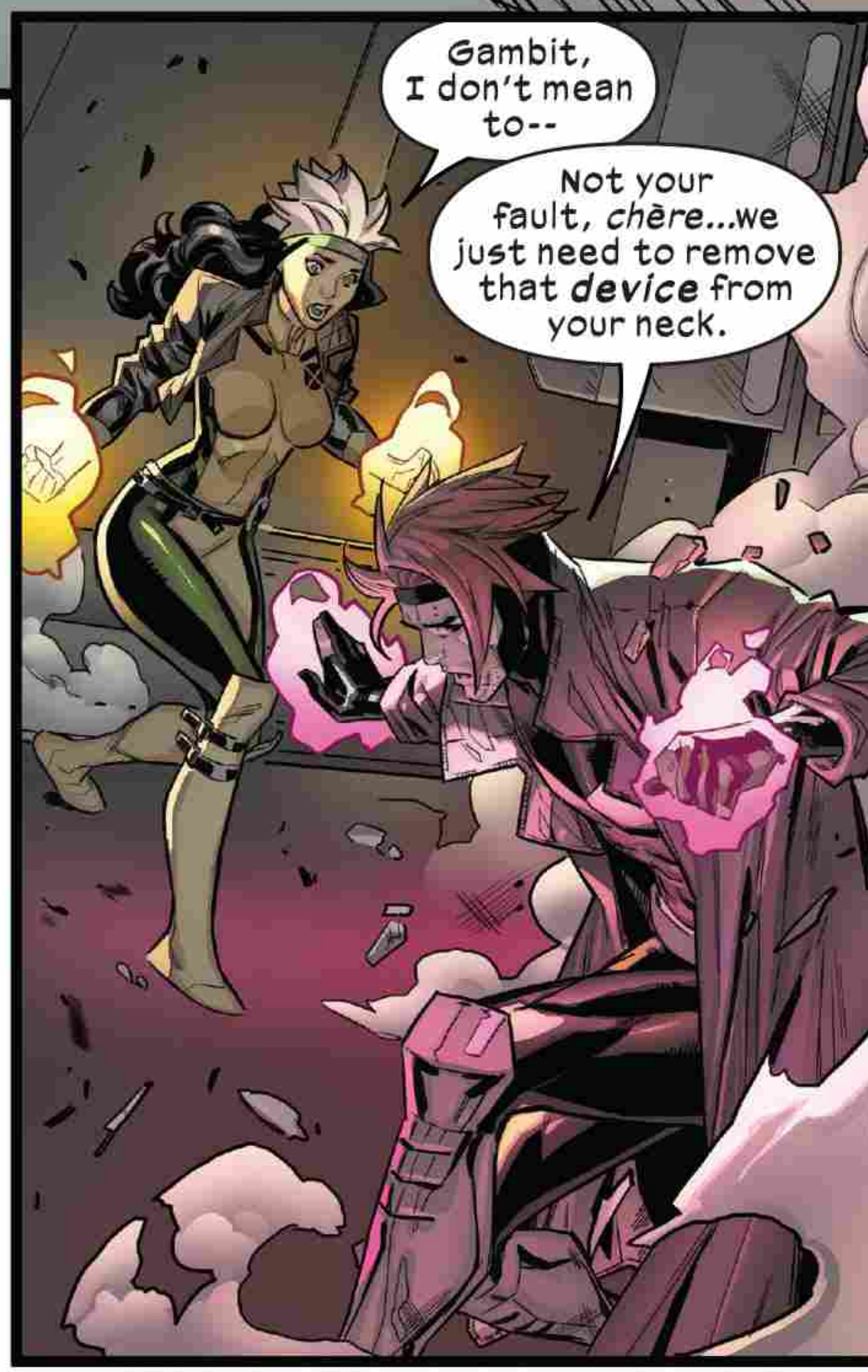


No!

...Rogue knocks out all your teeth and I win.

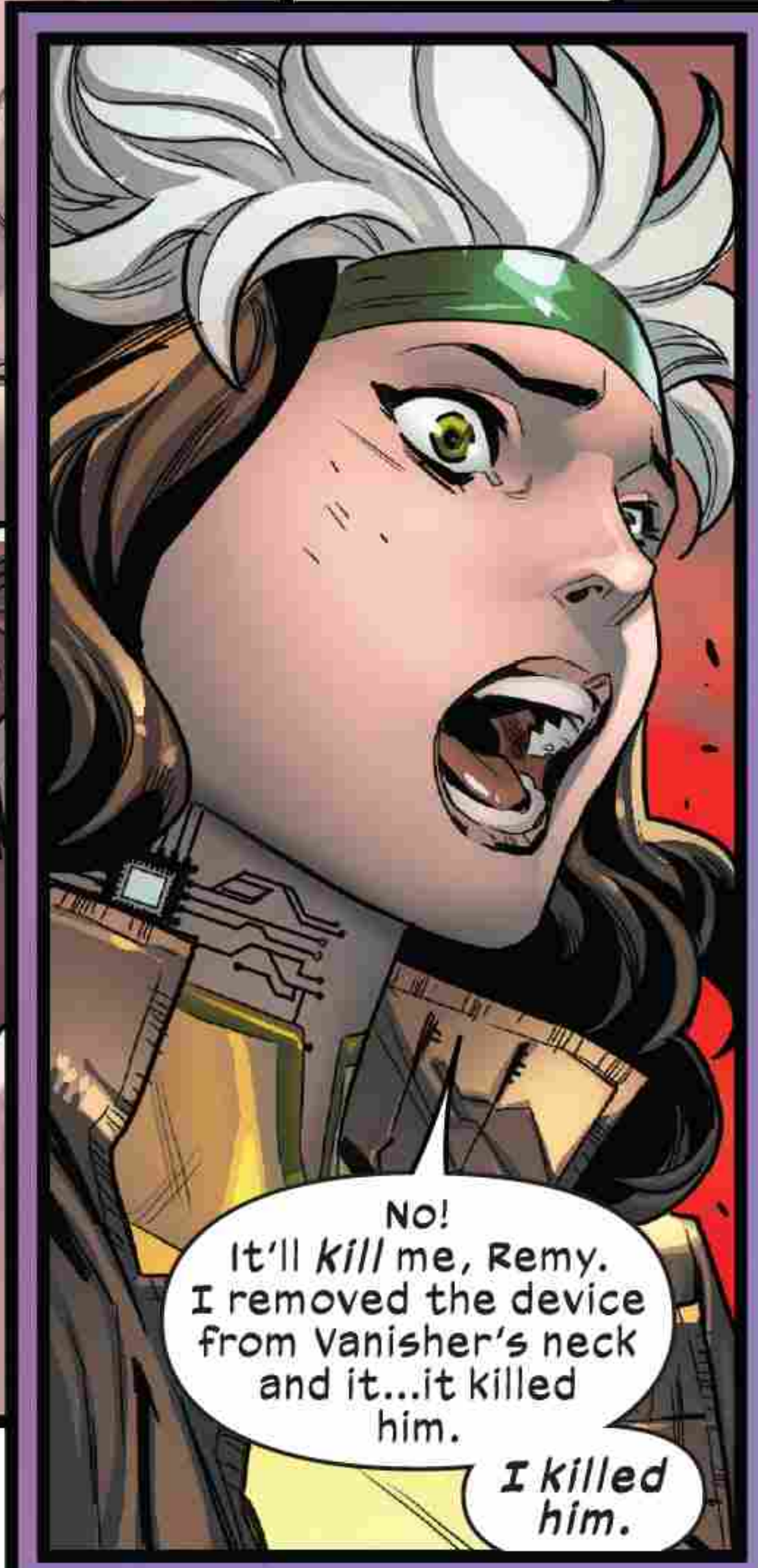
Ungh!

WHAM



Gambit, I don't mean to--

Not your fault, *chère*...we just need to remove that *device* from your neck.



No! It'll kill me, Remy. I removed the device from Vanisher's neck and it...it killed him.

I killed him.



You did not kill 'im, Anna Marie. You cannot blame yerself.

If anythin'... it's my fault. If I hadn't left you--



The self-deprecation does *not* mean you're forgiven for that, Cajun.

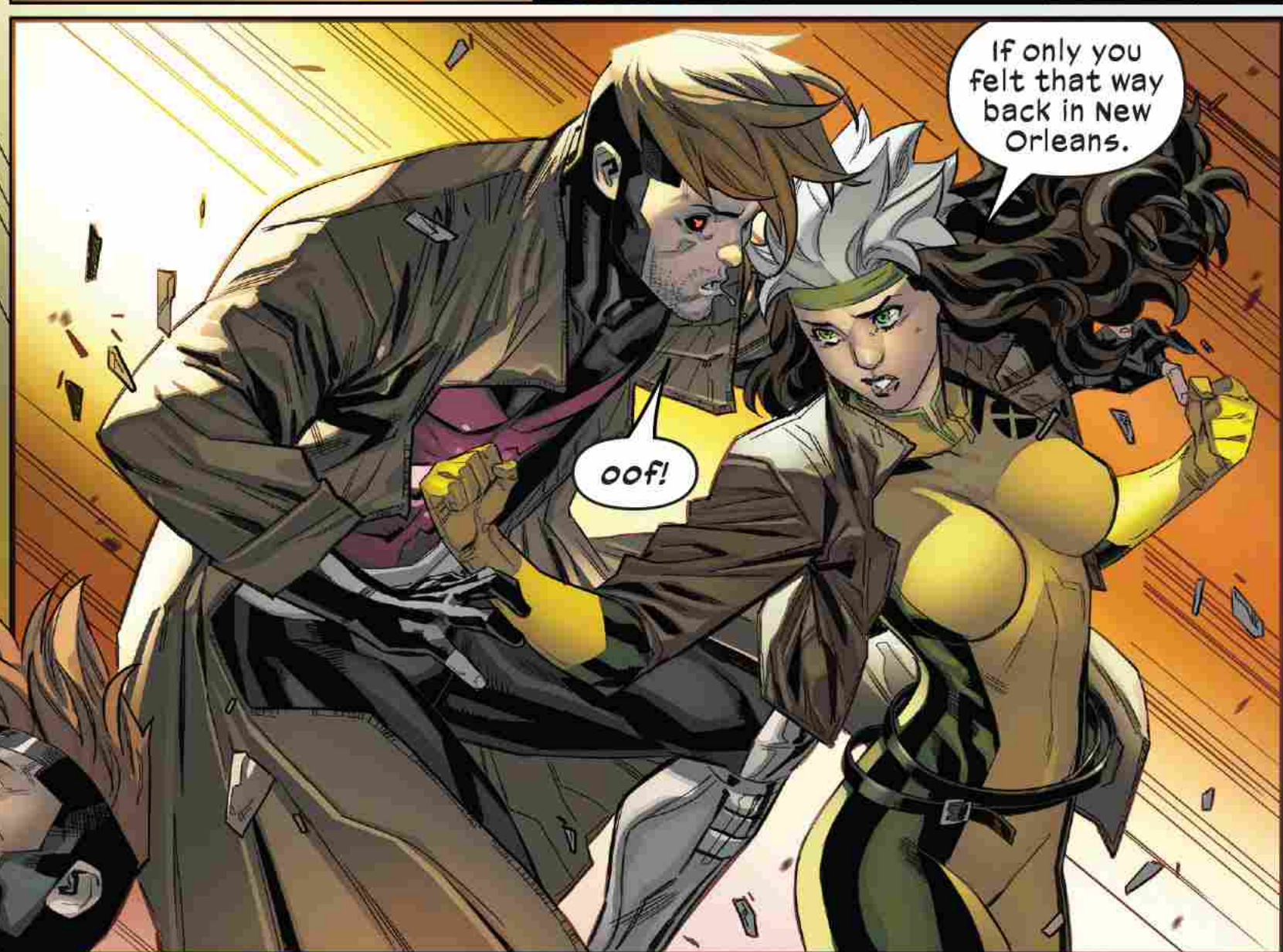
Is this *Power Broker* fighting me...or you, *mon chère*?

'Cause that's soundin' a bit *personal*.



Defend yourself!

I will *not* fight with you.



oof!

If only you felt that way back in New Orleans.



I never wanna fight with you...but you *never* listen to me.



You've gotta be kiddin' me, Remy.

You think you're the one not bein' listened to?

When we buy new furniture... when we go somewhere to eat...



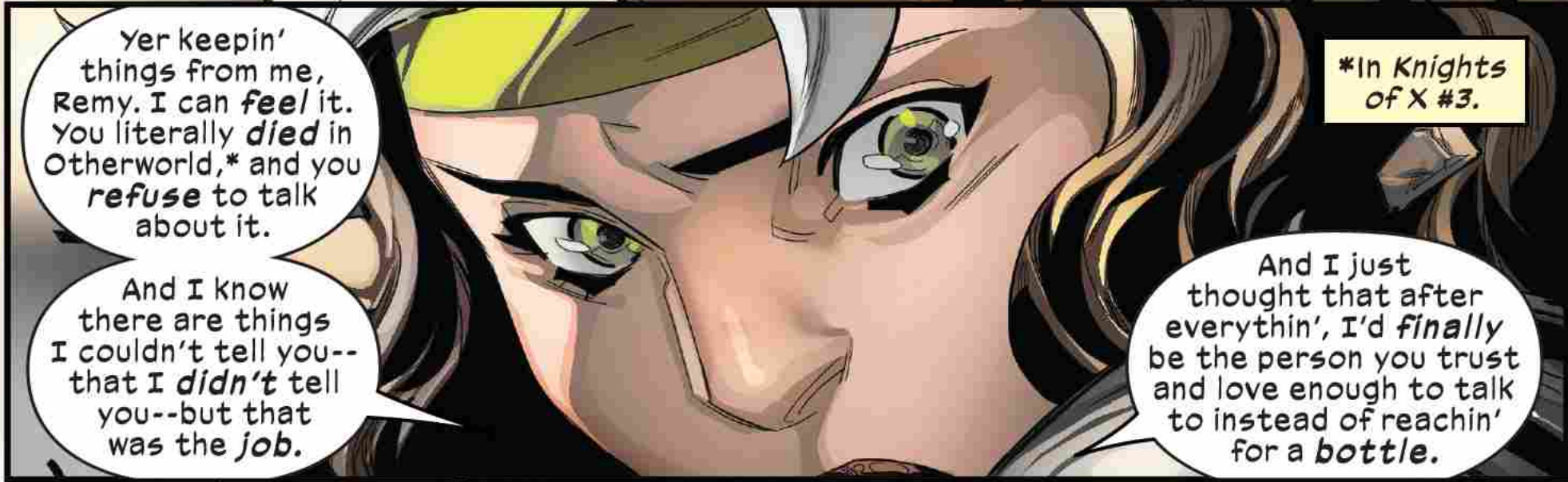
...I let you choose.

I'm gettin' tired of you being passive-aggressive, Remy.



You've been... *short*. I used to catch you starin' at me...like you couldn't take your eyes off me. Now...

...I don't know where you are even when you're sittin' next to me.



Yer keepin' things from me, Remy. I can *feel* it. You literally *died* in Otherworld,* and you *refuse* to talk about it.

And I know there are things I couldn't tell you-- that I *didn't* tell you--but that was the *job*.

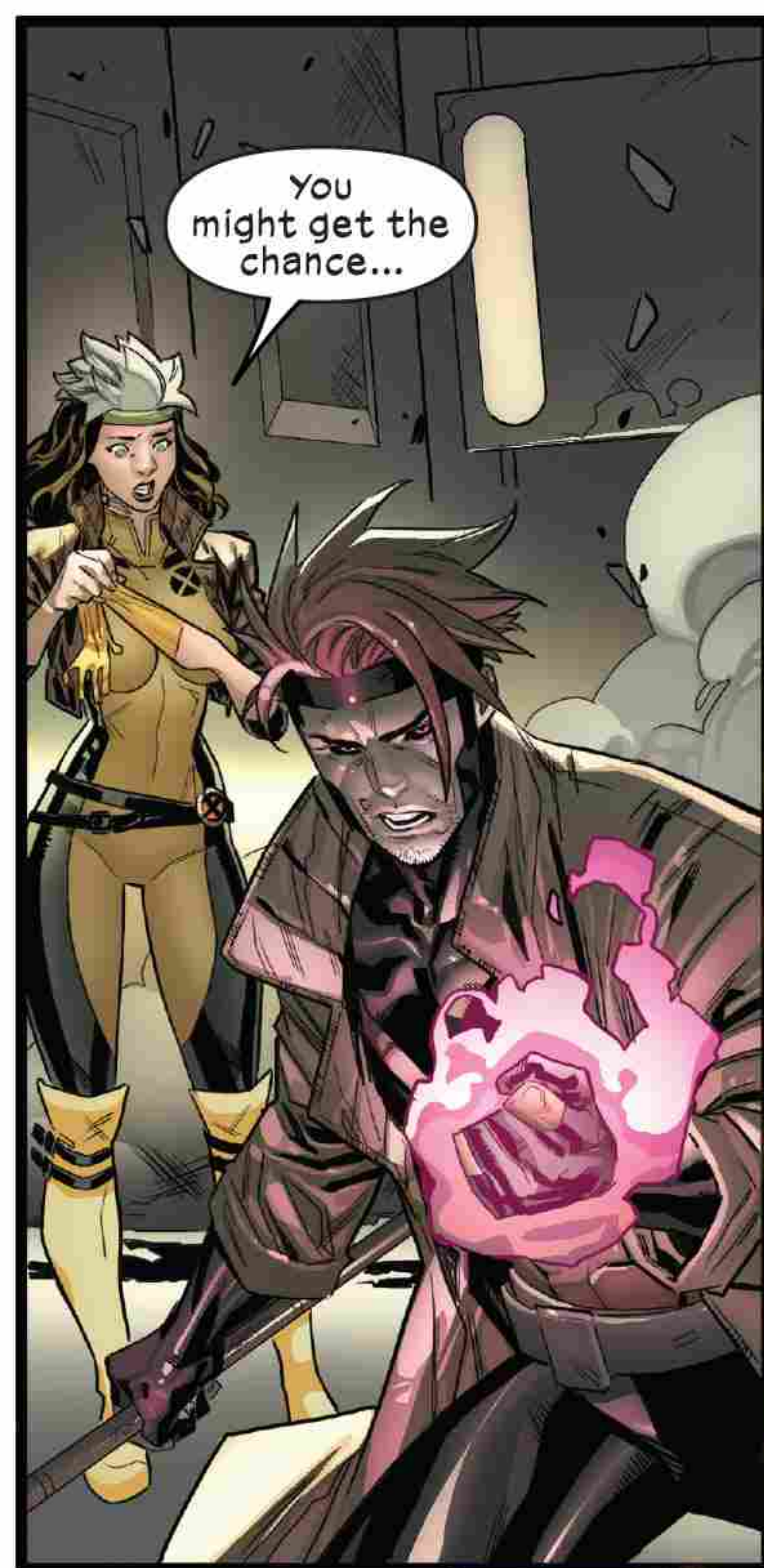
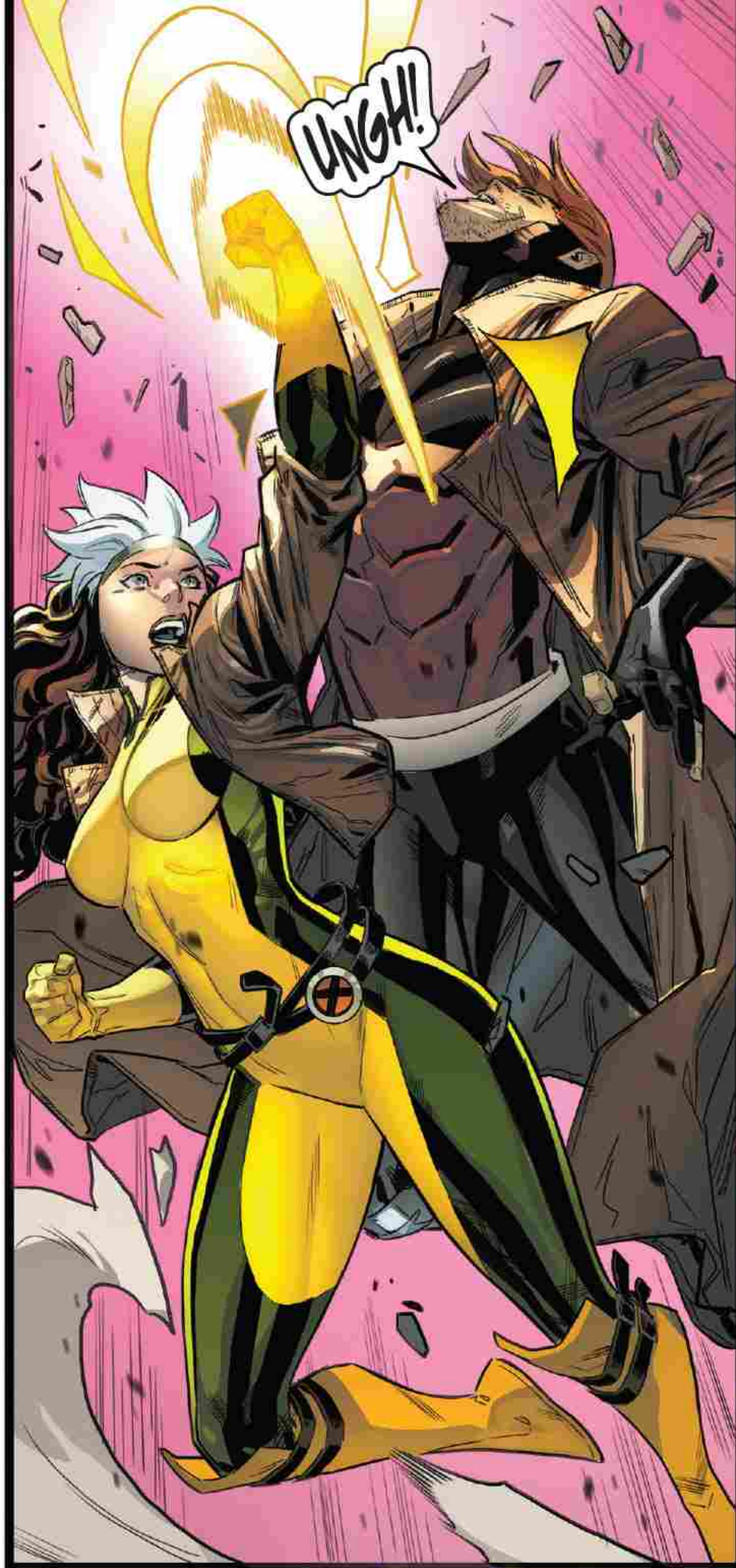
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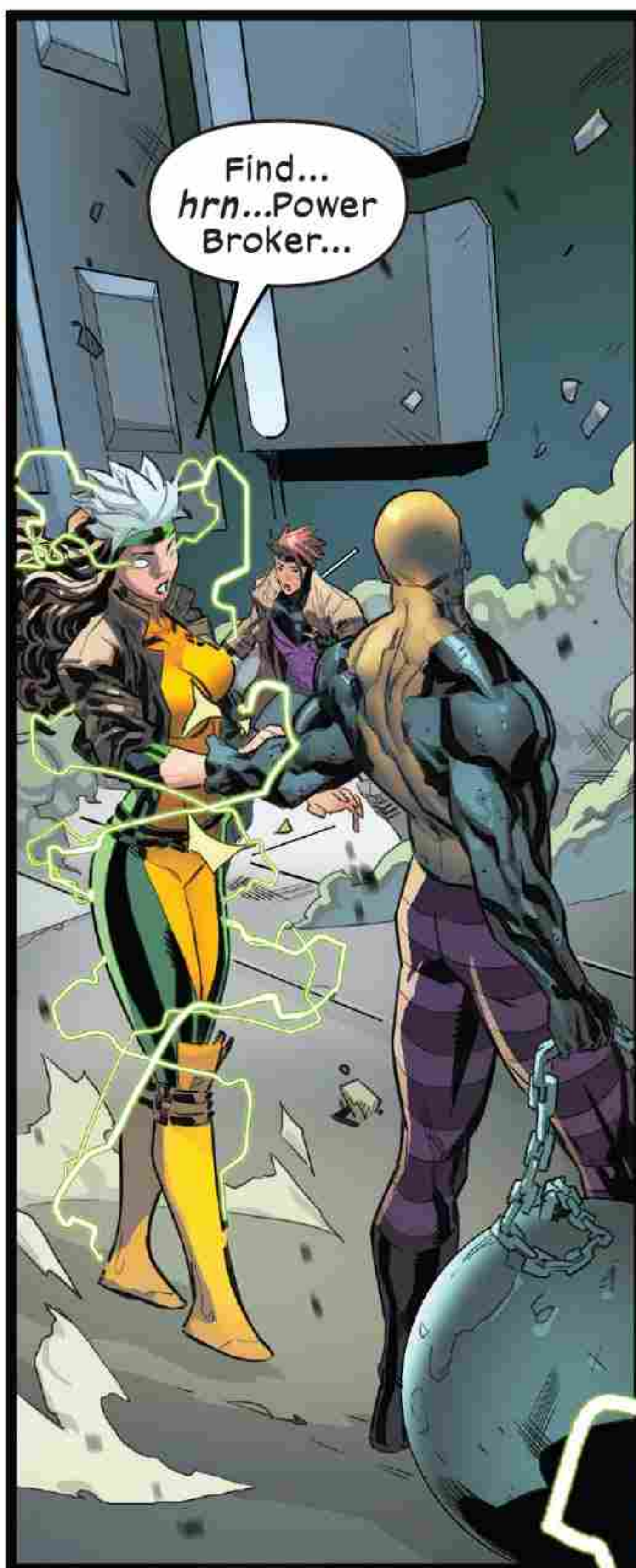
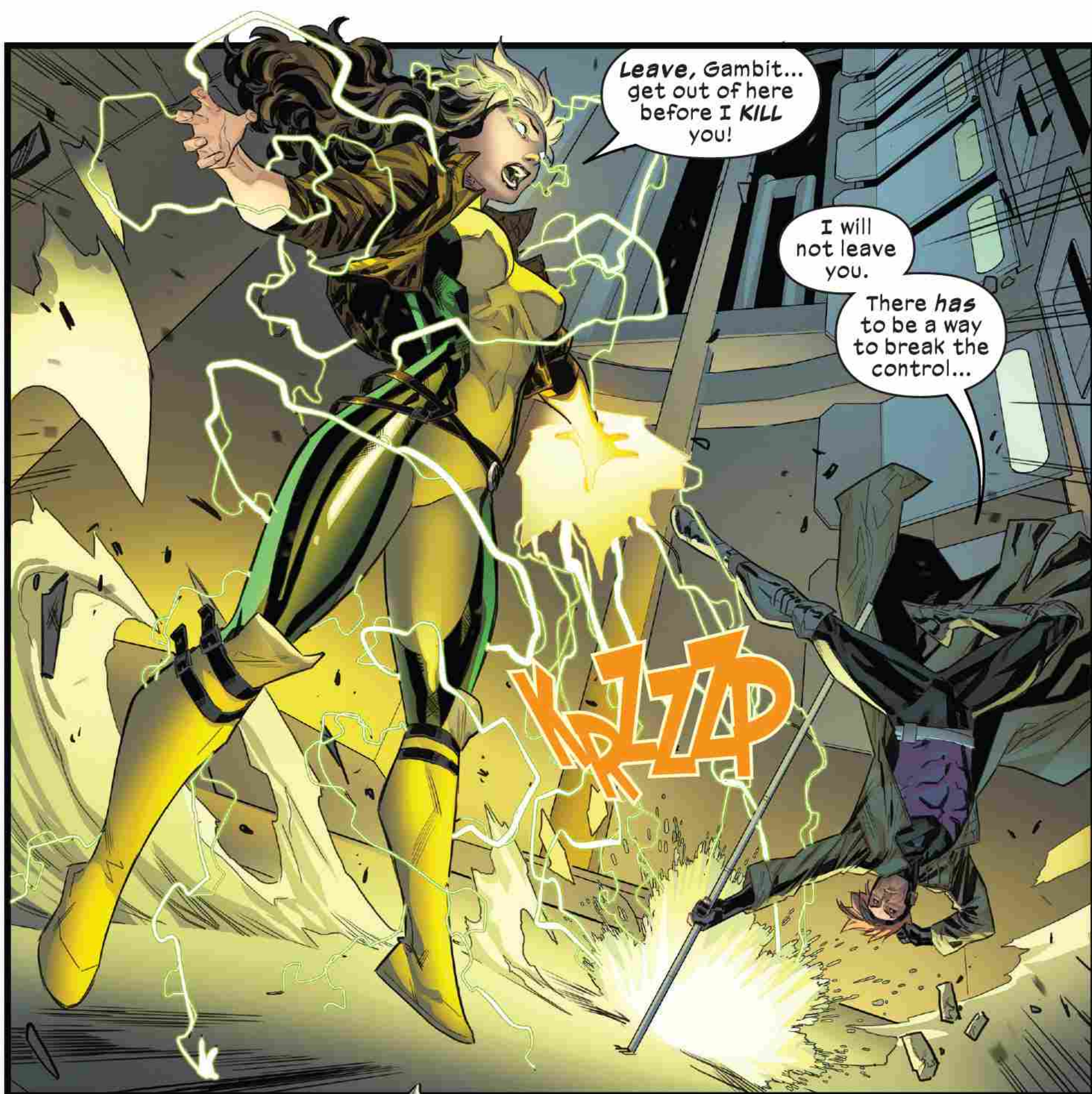
And I just thought that after everythin', I'd *finally* be the person you trust and love enough to talk to instead of reachin' for a *bottle*.



It hurts to feel like I'm not the person you can lean on.

Chère... I *DO* trust you. And I love yo--







Absolutely not...the deal has *not* been compromised.



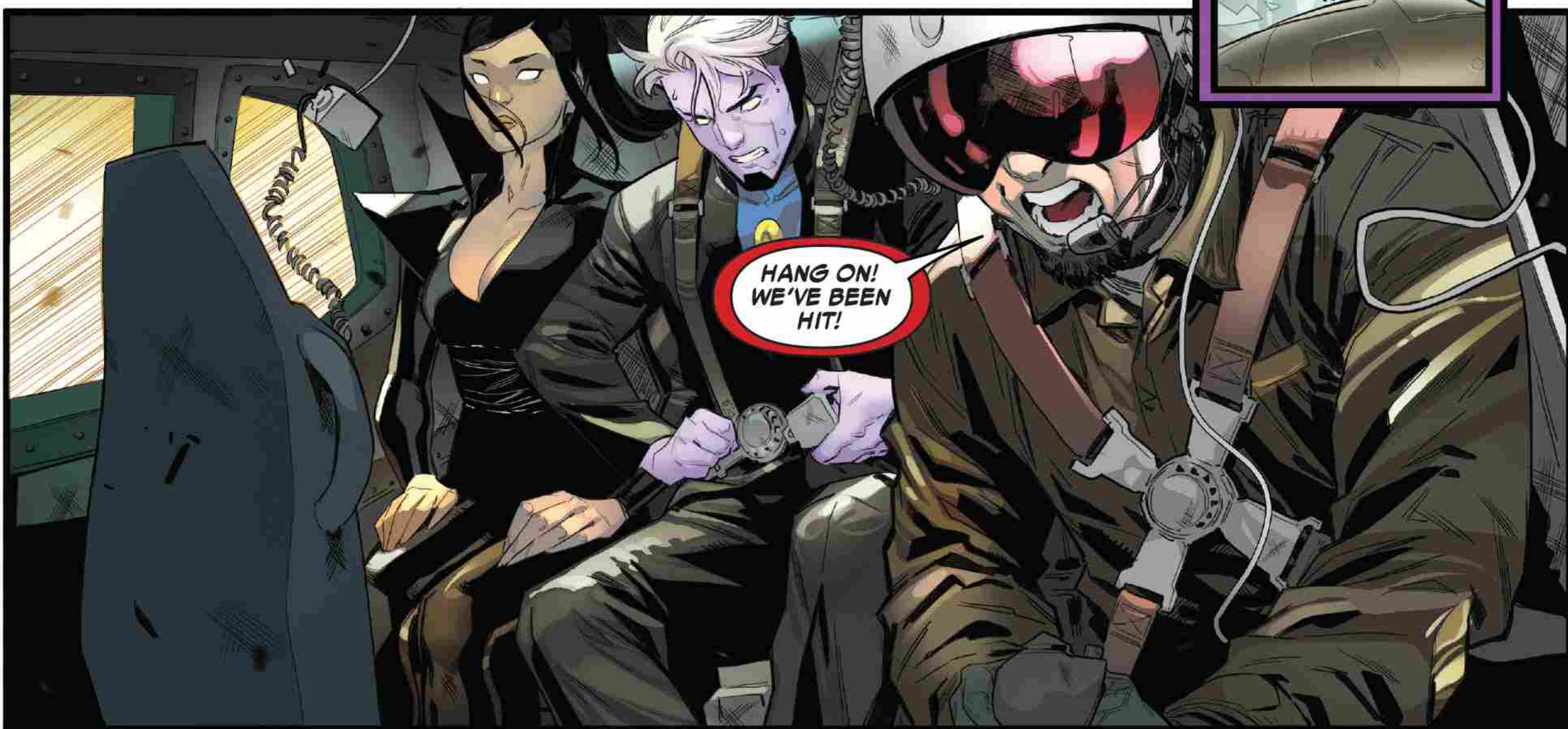
If anything, this should only *strengthen* your faith in our program, Ambassador.



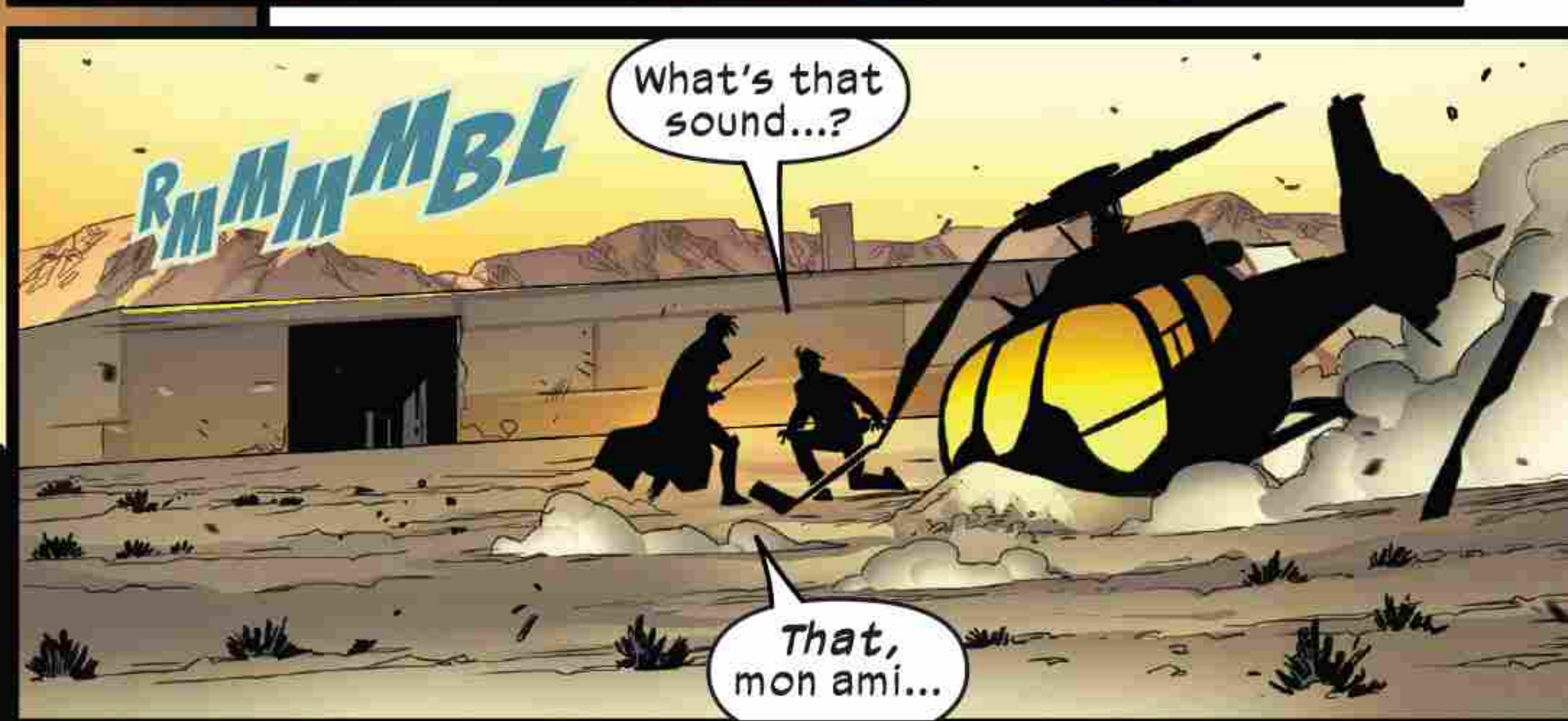
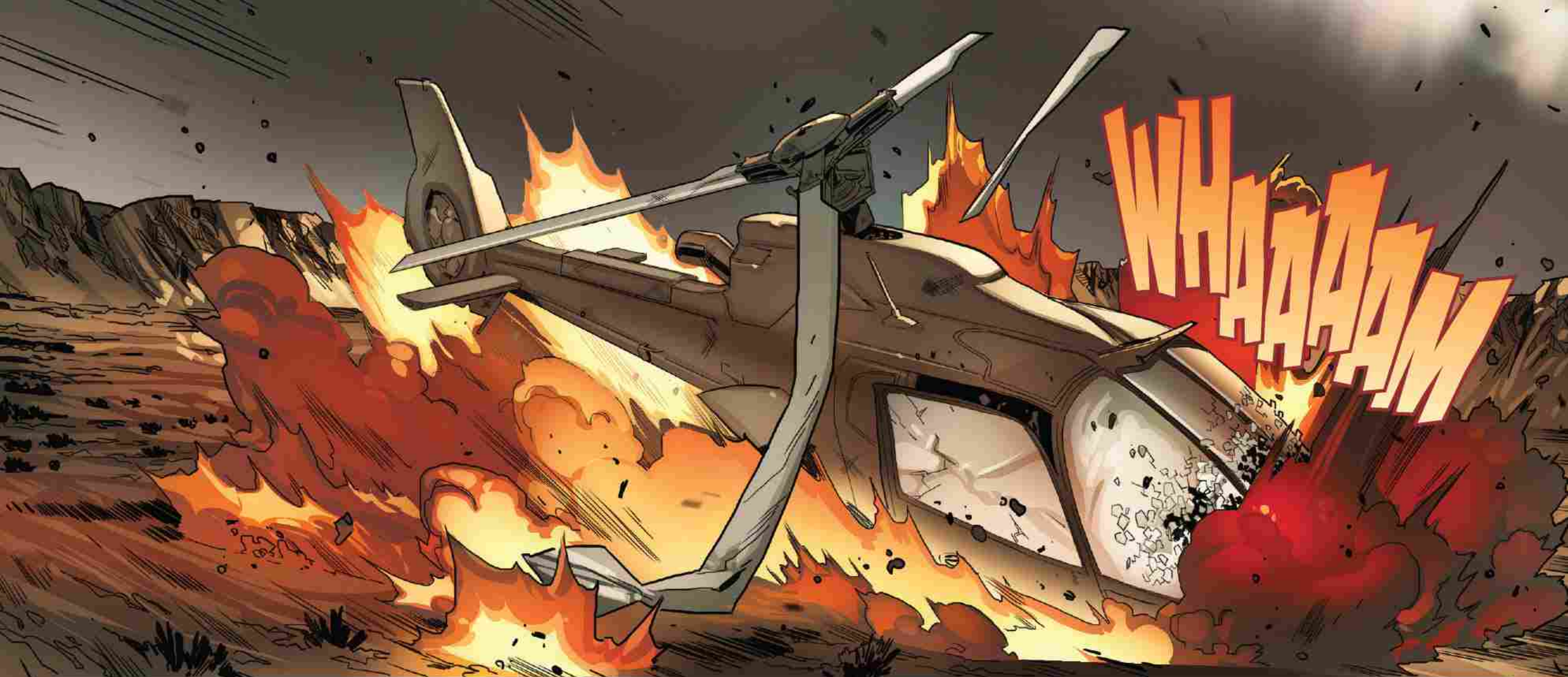
I will call again from the airport, but I assure you that your *purchase* is secure--



SHLSSHH



HANG ON! WE'VE BEEN HIT!

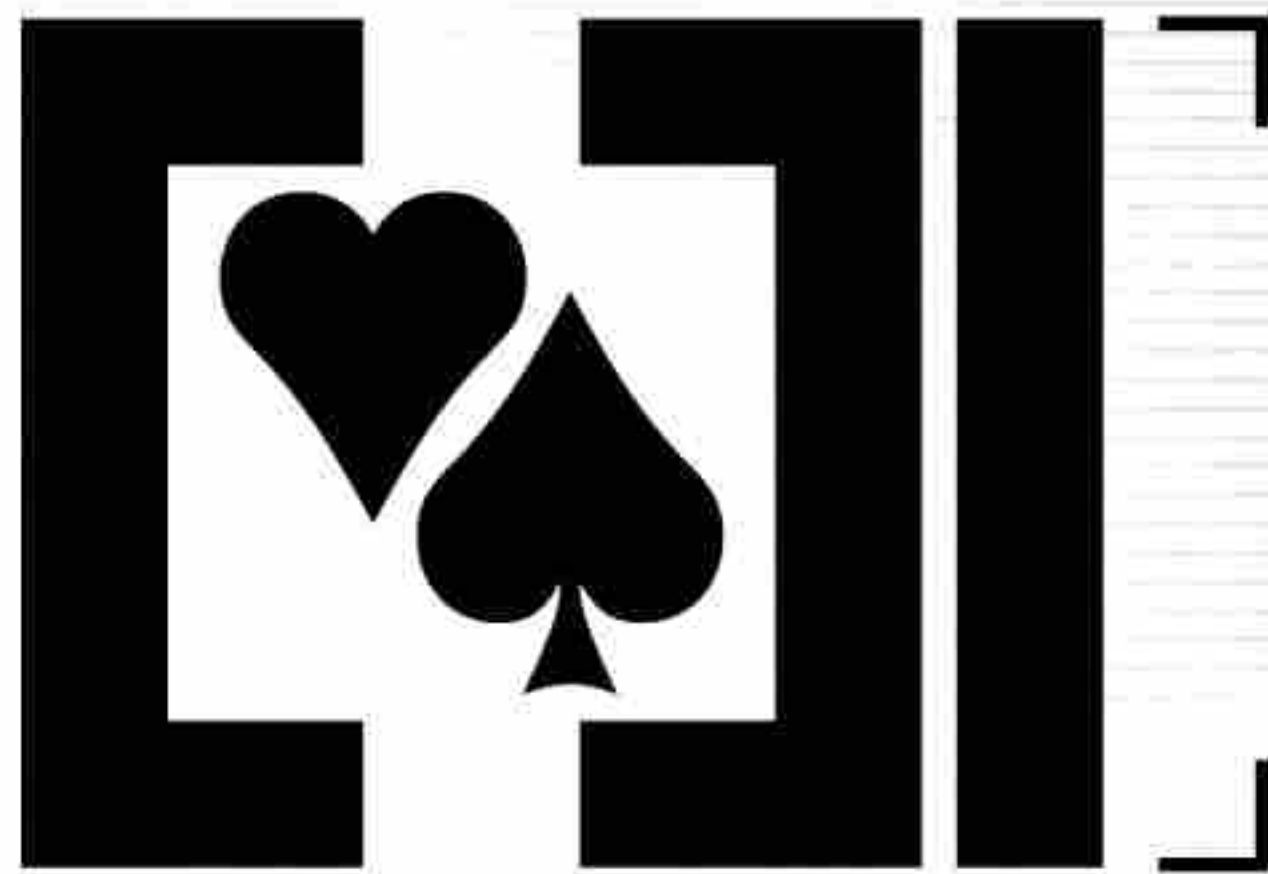




THUD

...is the sound of Rogue losing control.

To be continued!



X-MEN DATABASE

POWER BROKER

- POWER BROKER
- CRUSHER CREEL
- JUGGERNAUT
- DEATHSTRIKE
- ELECTRO



REAL NAME: Unknown.

STATUS: Alive.

OCCUPATION: Businessman with criminal affiliations; head of Power Broker, Inc.

ORIGIN: Unknown.

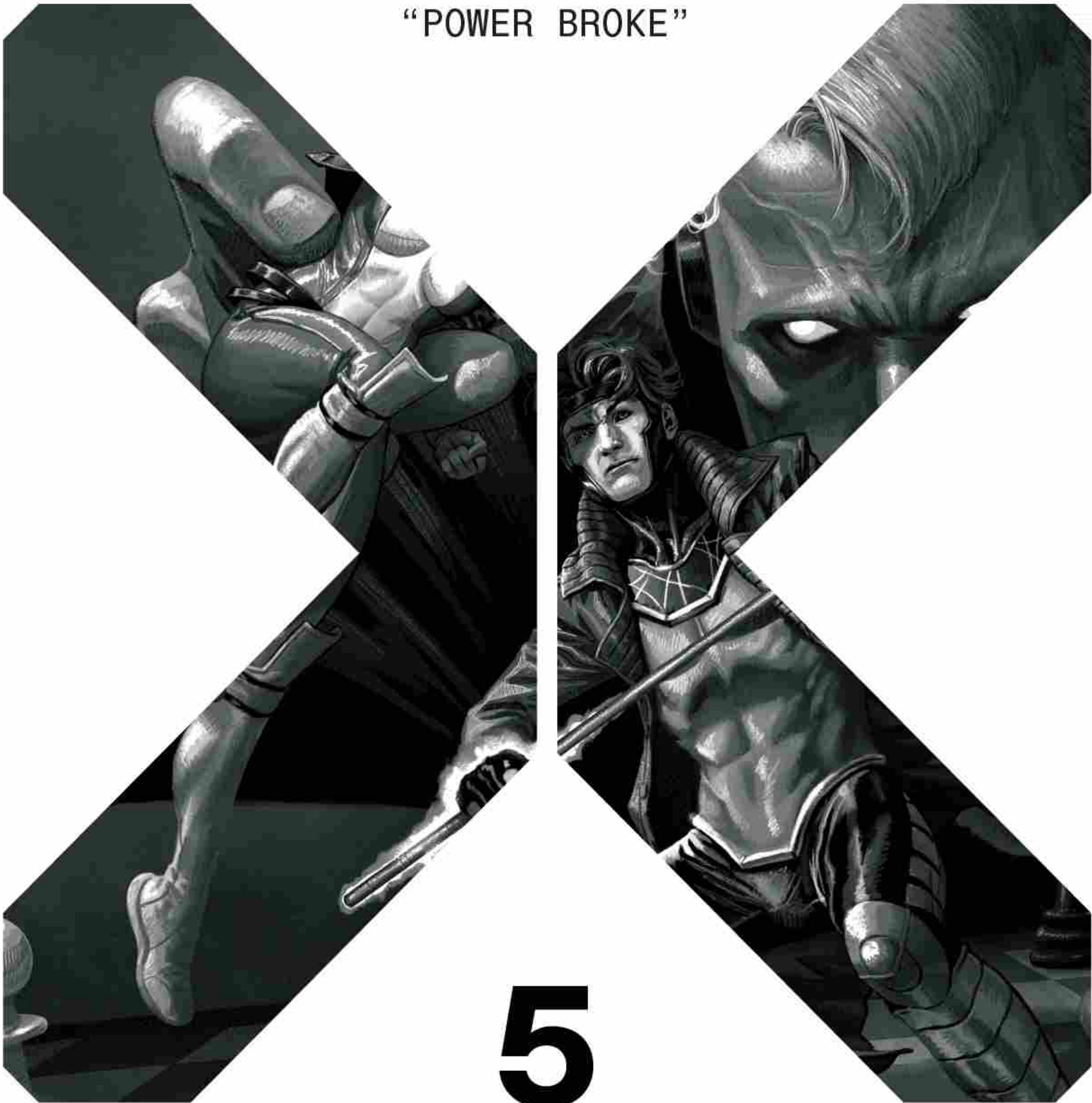
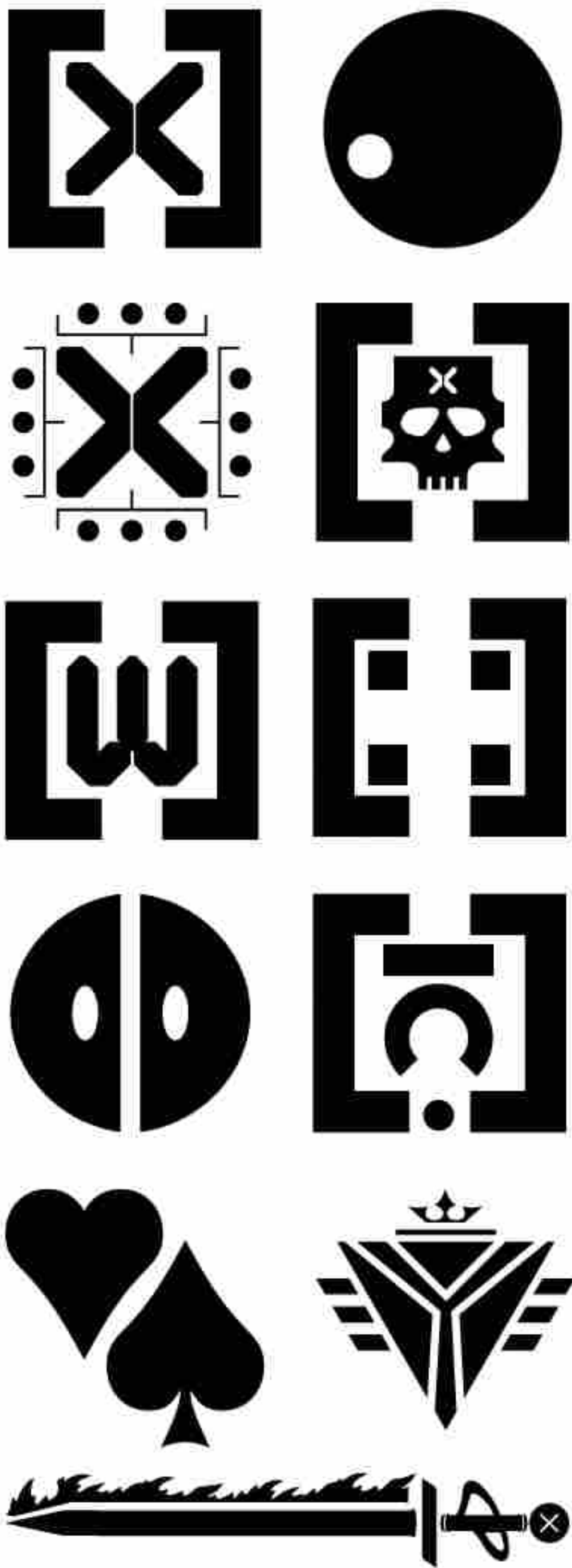
POWERS AND ABILITIES: According to Power Broker, he has given himself immense abilities, though he has only displayed small bursts of energy manipulation.

BIOGRAPHY: Little is known about the origin of the current Power Broker, or Power Broker II, who seems to have taken control of Power Broker, Inc., from its founder and the original Power Broker, Curtiss Jackson. With a history of finding ways to give ordinary humans mutant abilities, Power Broker, Inc., has been responsible for creating henchmen for many criminal organizations around the world.

Most recently, Power Broker II was responsible for founding a mobile app called ***Hench***. Used to allow anyone to quickly and efficiently hire a **super villain** from their mobile phones, ***Hench*** quickly lost money and funding as a competitor app appeared on the market.

THREAT LEVEL: Power Broker II's powers have not yet been proven or demonstrated. His whereabouts are currently unknown, and he has not attempted any ***known*** business ventures since ***Hench***.

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